THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India had accorded 'In-principle' approval to M/s. Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Limited for setting up of a Domestic Greenfield Airport at Andal - Faridpur blocks of Barddhaman District in West Bengal. Land required for the proposed Greenfield Domestic Airport is approximately 650 acres, out of which 533.51 acres have already been acquired.

(c) As per the information available from Geological Survey of India, there is coal reserve in Andal, West Bengal, the quantity of which is not separately estimated.

(d) The airport operator has informed that coal will not be mined below the surface of the proposed Greenfield Airport. Furthermore, there is an additional buffer zone that will be bereft of any mining activities thereby acting as a fire retardant zone below the surface. Extensive fire fighting measure will form an integral part of the Airport's fire fighting system. These measures, coupled with the fact that the coal seams lie at very large depths below the surface will pose no threat to safe airport operations.

(e) The Airport is scheduled for completion by December, 2011.

Establishment of Aviation University at Hyderabad

*78. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for establishment of an Aviation University of international standards at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the action that has been taken so far on the said request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) In the year 2005, Government of Andhra Pradesh had expressed its willingness to set up an aviation university at the Begumpet airport after its closure.

(c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh was advised to initiate the process of setting up the University in consultation with Ministry of Human Resource Development, with technical inputs regarding courses and curriculum provided by the Ministry of Civil Aviation as and when required. No further request has been received from the State Government In this regard.

Fixation of sale price of gas

†*79. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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